



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
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Title: Configuration of a Directory System

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.